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BRIEF TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Condensed Telegraphic Reports of Late Events.

BUDGET OF NEWS FOR EASY DIGESTION.

All Parts of the Country Represented. —Interesting Items.

Denver is holding a Beet-sugar Convention.

The cabinet-makers of St. Louis are on a strike.

Buchanan & Co., grain dealers at Memphis, have failed.

Gamblers propose a Monaco with $1,500,000 capital at Minneapolis.

The February rainfall in Kansas was the heaviest in twenty-five years.

The flag of Ireland floated over New Nork City Hall on St. Patrick's day.

Ives, the young billiardist, is to play exhibition games in Paris in May and June.

Edgar A. Poe's own copy of "The Bells" has been auctioned off in Boston for $230.

Benjamin Tracy, once a Missouri millionaire, died in a Chicago hospital last week.

Steamboat men at Milwaukee ask that the employment of Canadians upon lake steamers be prohibited.

Boston police officers are to be provided with cutters for use in case of breaks in electric wires.

Six train-wreckers were caught tearing up spikes on the Mexican Central Railroad and immediately shot.

Several parties were before the House World's Fair Committee in the interest of closing the Fair on Sunday.

The diphtheria epidemic at Bordentown, N. J., having abated, the public schools reopened on Monday.

The fire-alarm wires in Boston are to be placed underground, in the conduit belonging to the telephone company.

In the Texas Legislature the House favors free silver and the Senate the tariff as paramount Democratic issues.

J. Mott Smith, the Hawaiian Minister is at Washington striving to secure better trade relations with the islands.

The Atchison's Chicago property has been sold to the Chicago Elevated Terminal Railroad Company for $8,102,000.

Scandal attaches to the office of the Auditor of Minnesota on account of entries of iron land on the Mesaba range.

A Chicago thief a few nights ago stole and made way successfully with an entire house, except the cellar and cellar walls.

Railroad statistics show that in thirty-two Kansas counties there are 100,000 more acres of wheat than were grown last season.

The Missouri House of Representatives has passed the bill appropriating $237,000 to rebuild the State University at Columbia.

A party of Texas rangers are reported to have had a fight with some of Garza's men, who are aware of the absence of Federal troops.

The bodies of the miners lost in the Hill Farm mine near Dunbar, Penn., have been uncovered, and will be taken out and buried.

Commissioner Raum in his investigation stated that he discharged several men because they gave information to a newspaper reporter.

The New York *Press* learns that one of the newest things in town are *tables-d'hote* where Lenten dinners are served three times a week.

Another indictment has been found against Dr. Scudder at Chicago, this time for poisoning his mother-in-law beside smashing in her skull.

In the Beet Convention at Denver facts were presented showing the peculiar advantages of the "arid regions" for the production of beets.

President Wegg of the Northern Pacific Railway told the Chicago Grand Jury that not one cent was paid as boodle by his company to any Alderman.

The Senate in its executive session last week in its anxiety to secure secrecy, permitted the presence of only one of its heretofore trusted employees.

"The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey" has changed its name to "Standard Oil Company," and increased the capital stock from $3,000,000 to $10,000,000.

The International League of Press Clubs have voted for the establishment of a home for aged and infirm journalists, and a committee was appointed to proceed with the work.

Lady Frankland, wife of Sir G. Frederick Frankland and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zerega of New York, died at the Albion Hotel, Hyeres, last week. Her father and mother were both present.

There are indications that Alderman Roth of Chicago, the chief witness for the prosecution thus far against the alleged boodlers, is not the staunch reformer his statement for the press would cause him to appear.

Earl Russell is in trouble again. A servant girl named Williams, whom, in the course of the divorce case he had made improper statements about, has brought an action for libel, placing the damages at £10,000.

The House Committee on Territories have decided to report favorably the Cabine bill to give local government to Utah, with an amendment striking out the section relating to the sale of public lands for school purposes.

James Keene, the Wall-street operator, has just settled seventeen more judgments, arranging $53,000. The judgments were obtained about seven years ago. Mr. Keene has in two days settled old claims amounting to $180,000.

At Allegheny City the accounts of the Mayor, Market Clerk, Superintendent of Water-Works and Health Office show a deficiency of $350,000. The investigation has resulted in the imprisonment of Mayor Wiman and Market Clerk Hastings for embezzlement.

The committee designated some weeks ago to examine the condition of the work of the Census Bureau finds that to complete the work outlined and entered upon under the instructions from Congress will necessitate the expenditure of $2,000,000, including the $250,000 recently appropriated.

FROM THE OLD WORLD.

Jerusalem now has a railroad.

The royal family costs Great Britain about $3,000,000 a year.

The theatres in London regularly employ over 12,000 people.

Denmark has subscribed $66,000 for its display at the World's Fair.

Russia is gratified at the steps taken in Paris against the Anarchists.

Many African travelers have faith in the commercial development of Africa.

France proposes to exercise stricter control of foreign insurance companies.

Lady Zetland has collected $25,000 toward the Irish Hospitals for Consumptives.

Deacon, for killing M. Abeille in his wife's bed-room, will be tried at Nice, May 6th.

A loan of nearly $9,000,000 is necessary it is said, to cover Kaiser William's extravagances.

Two-hundred and twenty-four wine-growers from the Rhine region will exhibit at Chicago.

The gas company of Paris pays the city about $4,000,000 a year and lights the streets and public buildings at cost.

A movement is on foot for the harmonizing of the laws of Bavaria and Prussia regulating the manufacture and sale of beer.

Emperor William requires whoever goes to the German East Africa Colony to obligate himself not to write a line to any European paper.

The "Statesman's Year Book," just published by Macmillan & Co., shows that there are 386,676 uninhabited houses in England and Wales.

The wives of the German Minister, the British Charge d'Affaires and the Wurtemburg Minister in St. Petersburg are Americans. A pretty fair diplomatic team for one town.

James A. Spurgeon, who is to carry on the ministerial duties at the London Tabernacle, is a younger brother of the late famous preacher, and has for some time been assistant pastor of the great church.

The Committee of French Deputies on the World's Fair have agreed unanimously to recommend to the Chamber the granting of the Government's request for 3,500,000 francs for the French exhibit.

One of the largest camellia plants ever known is growing in a nursery near Birmingham, England. It quite fills a large green-house. Some 2,000 buds have been trimmed from the tree and it still has 6,000.

The Wild West Show has collapsed in London, probably because it was found too tame, with its poor tired bisons and mustangs and dejected aborigines, even for the untaught London man's ideas of our Western wildness.

A Boston woman on a visit to Rome called at the Vatican, and, being informed that the Pope was ill, offered to give him the Christian science treatment, but the offer was declined. The Pope sticks to the old school.

The conduit that is to bring the water from the reservoir at St. Cloud to Paris is made of rolled-steel pipes, five feet in diameter inside, with a thickness of nearly a quarter of an inch. The manholes are five to every mile.

What are described as the finest stables in the world are those occupied by the magnificent horses of the Baroness Von Zuvllan in Paris. The stables cover three acres of ground, and are fitted up in a style that is a little less than sumptuous.

The intolerance of the Turk has a new illustration in the recent order of the Porte compelling the closing of all mission schools which could not show a firman authorizing their establishment and forbidding instruction in private dwellings.

The Pope speaks in praise of "that most illustrious man," Christopher Columbus, is pleased to learn what the United States is doing to make the Columbian Fair a success, and pronounces his blessing upon the enterprise in a very fervent manner.

The experiment of the killing of cattle by electricity will soon be tried at the Aberdeen abattoir, where the electric plant is now being installed. If the experiment proves that this manner of killing the cattle has no bad influence on the quality of the beef, the application of electricity will hereafter be general.

A bag containing guineas, half-guineas and foreign coins was found the other day in the family vault at Slanes Cemetery, Ireland, by a gentleman named Rogan. It is not reported whether the hoard was secreted by a miserly ancestor or not. The coins are heavy enough and rare enough to bring in market the sum of $50,000.

It is said that many of the German colonists on the Volga river, who are sufferers from the Russian famine, in order to save fuel, have dug holes in the ground, subterranean shelters in which they burrow like foxes. They form, undoubtedly, the only instance of civilized people who to-day are living the lives of troglodytes.

The managers of the Paris theatres have combined. First, they seek protection against the excessive control of the State. Then the scale of fees established by the Society of Authors, by which every dramatist receives 12 per cent upon the gross receipts of a play and a hundred francs' worth of places at every performance, is unbearable.

Gustav Willisch, a Berlin shop-keeper, was fined $20 by a police court a month ago for having called a telephone girl who kept him waiting fifteen minutes "a miserable, brazen-faced woman." The prosecution asked that he be fined only $5, but the police court held his penalty to be too mild, as telephone girls needed special protection from insult.

Charles V of France had a cup once, a queer-looking goblet with a cover, which is now offered for sale in London for $40,000. James I of England is known to have drank hippocras out of it, and to have presented it to Velasco, the Spanish Ambassador. A Spaniard sold it to a Parisian collector, and now the collector wants to sell it to the British Museum.

A new orchid, long sought for, which is to immortalize the name of the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, who has a passion for orchids, and almost always wears one in his buttonhole, has been discovered and brought to England. It was found by the agent of an English firm in the Merapi Mountains, and is named the *Cypripedium Chamberlainianum*.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

Personal Matters and Other Items of Interest.

GULLINGS CAUGHT IN EVERY SECTION.

A General Review of Doings, Events Accidents, Etc.

Wasco county, Or., has large coal deposits.

The Yorktown has reached San Diego from Callao.

Ontario has organized a fruit and produce company.

The Santa Barbara lumber combine has collapsed.

Work on the Astoria-Portland Railway has commenced.

Bakersfield is to build at once a kite-shaped race-track.

The grain and fruit outlook in the State continues bright.

The Swasey, Shasta county, flouring-mill is again at work.

A State meeting of wheelmen is to be held at Sacramento July 4th.

An electric railway from Bakersfield to Rosedale is contemplated.

Napa's municipal bonds ($27,000) have been sold to a New York firm.

E. W. Harter of Saticoy has added 14,500 walnut trees to his fields.

Chief of Police Rogers at Seattle has been suspended for thirty days.

The county of Sacramento has organized a World's Fair Association.

Six more schooners have left Point Esquimault for the seal fisheries.

Parties at Colusa have planted paw-paw sprouts received from Missouri.

Good indications of oil have been found at Del Mar, San Diego county.

Canocia Gallalado fatally stabbed his uncle, Raphael Freres, at Merced last week.

The Eureka mine near Hornitos has been bonded and work will begin at once.

J. M. Bailey has been arrested at Fresno for forging his father-in-law's name.

The Pastime Athletic Club room at Portland has a seating capacity for 5,000 people.

The water is so low in Salton Lake that the salt company has begun taking out salt.

The Interstate Coursing Association is holding a meeting at Madera, Fresno county.

The Transcontinental Freight Association still holds its sessions at San Diego in secret.

An aged Frenchman named Grosjeau was killed by the train at Folsom recently.

The compromise papers in the Johnson will case at Stockton have been signed.

H. J. Palmer has been arraigned at Sacramento for the murder of Charles Phleger.

The residence of Brigham Young, in Salt Lake City, is now used as a Keeley cure establishment.

The Cave creek onyx mines in Maricopa county, A. T., have been purchased by a New York syndicate.

The Calistoga distillery, recently seized by the Government, has been sold for $505 to a Napa City man.

The Santa Fe is preparing to compete with the Southern Pacific in its passenger business at Santa Monica.

Mrs. Clayton, who was ordered from Visalia by a committee of ladies, has concluded to take their advice.

The Sunday-school Convention at Los Angeles protested against the opening of the World's Fair on Sundays.

A chicken ranch in Bellingham Bay, Puget Sound, has 100,000 fowls. It is said to be the largest in the world.

Springfield, Or., is preparing to build an electric-motor line twenty-one miles long through the Mohawk Valley.

At the Crouch Wood Camp, nine miles from Chico, a Chinaman cut the throat of a companion wood-cutter.

The Consolidated Canal Company has been incorporated at Phœnix, A. T. Orange groves will be planted along the canal.

J. V. Vance, an insurance solicitor, has been arrested at Los Angeles on suspicion of being a fire-bug wanted at San Diego.

Two fine sloops belonging to the San Juan Fishing Company were wrecked in a gale the other night off Caramanah Point, B. C.

Railroads at Los Angeles are cutting and slashing rates to Eastern points. Tickets to Kansas City sell for $15, and to New York $18 to $25.

Citizens of Portland, Oregon, are demanding that that city secure four public parks of 200 acres each, in addition to the one already owned.

The British ship Thermopylæ, from Bankok, Siam, has arrived at Vancouver, B. C. The crew for the past two weeks has subsisted entirely upon rice.

Richard Whalen was thrown from a buckboard on the Geiger grade, near Virginia City, and killed. Whalen's father resides at Park City, Utah.

The miners in Nevada county are rejoicing over the prospects of Caminetti's Debris bill becoming a law, the House Committee having favorably reported it.

The Juch Opera Company did not commence its performance at Los Angeles the other night until 9:30, owing to a dispute behind the scenes over the payment of salaries.

Charles E. Smith, convicted of stealing five oranges from the orchard of Pfeifer, at Redlands, has been sentenced to thirty days in the County Jail and $50 fine.

The fight between the two Colonels of the Seventh Regiment at Los Angeles continues to be bitter in words. Colonel Russell was hung in effigy at the armory.

The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad is endeavoring to tap the Oregon and Washington country, and the work of constructing the line is being pushed rapidly.

Jim Shay, an ex-convict, has been arrested at Livingston, Merced county, and charged with being a counterfeiter. Base money and tools to make it were found in his possession.

A Woman's Statement

They got into an argument about the money made by people who earn their living on the stage. Of course they differed; people can't argue satisfactorily unless they do differ. But here is the opinion of a woman who was once on the stage, who was considered popular, who was clever enough in her work to get applause and praise, who presumably earned more than the average actress, and yet who is content with her present life:

"When I take out the money paid for gowns which were useless except on the stage, when I make allowance for traveling expenses, hotel bills, weeks in which few performers earn anything; when I take into account engagements which could not for many reasons be satisfactory to me; when I foot up the salaries which sometimes in my early work I never received, and when I estimate the thousand and one little expenses which were then necessary, I consider that for several years of my life I earned practically nothing but a living, and I worked very hard, you must understand. When I got married I left the stage. Now it isn't necessary to tell you what my salary was or what my husband's salary now is, but his earnings are less than mine were. But we two live much better on his smaller salary than I alone could live on my bigger salary. We have a pretty home and all that we need to be happy. We save a little money too. So I suppose this is a fair answer as to what one makes on the stage. There are a great many circumstances to be considered." —New York Tribune.

Ten Anxious Minutes.

Captain Anderson rescued the crew of a Dutch schooner from a wild part of the island of Formosa, after firing upon some of the natives. His return is thus described in "A Cruise in an Opium Clipper:" "Our way took us in single file through a narrow pass, and as I entered it at the head of my men, for a second my heart almost ceased to beat at the startling sight that met my gaze.

"The pass was lined on both sides with ferocious looking natives armed with pole axes, spears, huge knives and many other death dealing instruments.

"Although I was taken flat aback by the sight, some instinct carried me forward sword in hand, looking to the right and left with a cool, staring eye, which seemed to curb the revengeful spirit of the natives.

"On arriving at the other end of the defile I stopped, turned round, saw all the men safely through, and then told them in unmistakable English to make a clean pair of heels for the ship, while I brought up the rear at a sharp pace as soon as I had got a little way from the entrance of the pass, so that the natives might not see us in too great a hurry.

"How they let us through without touching a hair of our heads or once making a motion toward us passes my comprehension."

Letters That Never Came.

They tell a funny story of a man who rented a box in the postoffice awhile ago. He appears to have been new to the business and failed to get the hang of the thing. After a month or so he called on one of the postoffice officials and began to kick about the box. "The blamed thing never had any mail in it," was his complaint.

"I have looked in that box every day since I rented it and it hasn't had a thing in it the whole time. I even addressed a letter to myself and never heard from it."

The two took a look at the box and the postoffice man inquired if the box renter had ever opened his box Why, no; of course not. Couldn't he see that there wasn't anything in it.

Of course it turned out that he had forgotten the number of his box though it was on his receipt, and had been watching and swearing over an unrented one. He found a stock of mail in his box at last and went away feeling small enough to crowd inside of it.—Buffalo Express.

The Wooden Indian.

I used to live in Spain, and afterward in the West Indies, before I came to the States. I met the wooden Indian long before I came to this country. I have been asked before where the wooden Indian got his start. I only know what I have heard about him in the Old World. There was an adventurer named Rutz who left his old city, Barcelona, and came to Virginia 300 years ago. When he returned he executed the wooden Indian in a rude way, as a type of the sort of animal he had met in the New World, and the figure was set up in front of a shop where wine was sold. Finally it became a sort of trademark. There were smokers in those days and they assembled around the Indian. And the wooden Indian is now seen in front of nearly every cigar store. —Interview in Chicago Tribune.

Waited Until the Child Was Safe.

An interesting little war story has Governor Jones, of Alabama, for its hero. At the time Gordon was resisting Sherman's advance, Jones, then a staff captain, was delivering a message from his chief when he saw a little child, clad only in night clothes, hiding in terror behind a frame house in the direct range of the bullets from each army. Jones rode forward, took the child on his horse and galloped back with her to the Confederate line. When the Union forces saw the act they ceased firing, and there was an impromptu cessation of hostilities until the child had been carried to a point of safety.—Charleston News and Courier.

Thieves Trust in Fortune Tellers.

The thief has implicit reliance in the foreknowledge claimed by gypsies and other people, and he has been known to pay blackmail to professed exponents of the "black art" who threatened him with all manner of perils.—Exchange.

His Error.

Husband—Thank heaven I am not as other men

Wife—You are mistaken there. It is they who should be thankful.—Detroit Free Press.

IN THE LAND OF FLOWERS.

Homes, Legends and Progress of the Floral City.

RICH PERFUMES THAT FILL THE AIR.

Pet Names of Florida's Towers.—Sociable Tallehasseans.

Every place of prominence in Florida has its distinctive pet name, which is used by its patriotic inhabitants nearly as often as is its proper geographical title. Fernandina is "the Gate City," Jacksonville "the Metropolis," St. Augustine "the Ancient City," Palatka "the Gem City," Orlando "the Phenomenal City," Cedar Keys "the Florida Venice," and so on through a long catalogue. Tallahassee is "the Floral City," or, to include the full formula, "the Floral City of the Land of Flowers." Why this formula is appropriate is evident even in the depth of what by a poetic fiction is in Florida called "winter." Nearly every house in the straggling, roomy town is hidden in a tangled sub tropical maze of trees, shubbery and vines, floating from which are stringers of the gray Spanish moss. The rich perfume of the jessamines scent the peaceful inland air, and the brilliant blossoms of the begonias and oleanders burn along the streets and in the gardens; the roses reserve their crimson for February and the punctilious "Spanish bayonets," with their keen points, guard for the later summer the secret of their wonderful white hearts. Still, even in the winter of its discontent the Floral City gives ample indications of the glorious summer before it and the profusion of its fond, partial gifts from our generous Mother Nature.

HOUSES AND PEOPLE.

The stranger within the gates of Tallahassee is at once impressed with the social character of the citizens. If, as he saunters along one of the hilly highways leading out into the "back country," he chances to speak to a Floridian engaged in pruning a peach orchard, the native will leave his tree, climb the zigzag fence stretching along the road and sit in hospitable dignity on its topmost rail. The Tallahassean has his opportunity now. He imparts information in the most suave manner and will not let his victim escape for half an hour. Should the dinner or tea bell's ringing break in upon his didactic conversation, he hospitably insists upon taking his captive to the family assembly. If the cordial invitation be accepted, the visitor has a golden chance to view the architecture and domestic arrangements of the quaint homesteads.

Some of the houses are little old style cottages, suggestive of the green lanes and chalk hills of Kent, with queer gables and deep domed windows, hidden behind mounting masses of shrubbery. Others are brick structures of the Doric style, with spreading portices and white wooden pillars. Occasionally a relic of the early French occupation may be seen, built flush against the street, with its decaying porte cochere, inner court and rear garden. Occasionally, too, may be seen a blank walled, dismal building, with an odd overhanging jalousie, the monument of its Spanish constructor.

In the realm of housewifery the spirit of laisser faire pervades. Hospitality is spontaneous and of the sincerest kind, but it is more of a pleasure than of the duty it often is among the thrifty matrons of New England, for here the supervision of servants is all that there is to the duties of the housewife.

Ancient aboriginal legends and later tales of the Spanish occupation make Tallahassee a storied place. Where the state capitol, a formal structure of straight lines and prim angles, with Doric columns, now stands, the Seminole and Yemassee sachems buried the hatchet and smoked the pipe of peace two centuries ago. Here the Spanish invaders of their soil built Fort St. Luis, the ruins of which are among the town's curiosities. Here Andrew Jackson, after taking formal possession, in 1821, of the newly ceded province of Spain, placed its chief military post. Four miles to the east is Lake Lafayette, lying in the midst of a large estate of 23,000 acres, given to the marquis in recognition of his assistance during the revolution. To the west is the Murat plantation, occupied until her death by the Princess Murat, the daughter-in-law of the finest cavalry leader in the Napoleonic campaigns, Joachim Murat, king of Naples, and brother-in-law of the little corporal. The grave of the princess can be seen in the Episcopal cemetery.

FOLKS FROM THE "BACK COUNTRY."

According to the census of 1880, the population of Tallahassee was 2,900, about 60 per cent. being of shades ranging from indelible ink to passe cream. On Saturdays the population doubles owing to the advent of negroes from the "back country," who come to purchase provisions for the ensuing week. The visitors come with a little milk and honey, a few vegetables and fewer coins. After selling their produce and buying groceries, they view the urban glories. They favor a northerner with their especial confidence, and show much curiosity regarding northern politics. One Saturday afternoon recently a venerable darky with grizzled wool respectfully saluted me at a street corner and inquired if I knew Mr. Blaine personally. On receiving a negative reply, he exclaimed in injured astonishment:

"Why, boss, you done cum from de nort!"

Bicycle riders will be interested to learn that in Tallahassee is located one of the three wheel clubs of the state. It is a flourishing organization of twelve members.

Though Tallahassee is a few dozen miles to the north of the counties (Putnam, Marion, Citrus, Hernando and Pasco) growing the heaviest crops of oranges, yet it ships several thousand boxes annually. A Putnam county grower visiting at the capital estimates the crop of the state at 1,300,000 boxes, or, in round numbers, 195,000,000.

While frozen New England shivers through its annual visitation of polar blizzards, Florida's northern tier of counties is reaping wealth from its growth of sweet and Irish potatoes, beans, peas, sweet corn and onions. The size to which Irish potatoes grow in this soil is something incredible. Specimens are occasionally exhibited which can barely be jammed into a peck measure. The complaint is not infrequently made by New York consignees that the vegetables of certain lots are too large for the trade.—Tallahassee Cor. New York Tribune.

An Electrical Fog Bell.

At the port of Ravenna, on the Adriatic sea, there has recently been placed a new form of fog bell, operated by electricity. It is situated at the end of the mole leading into the harbor and the current is conveyed to it from a battery in the lighthouse about three quarters of a mile distant.

The apparatus for striking the bell consists of a magnet electric motor connected with a mechanical puller. The current from the battery causes a disc having pins projecting from its border to revolve, which pull the bell chain and make the hammer strike the rim of the bell at regular intervals.

A telephone circuit enables the attendant at the lighthouse to hear the drone of the motor and thus know whether it is working at its proper speed.—Philadelphia Record.

People Who Should Have Credit.

God pity the folks who take things hard. Their graves are in every cemetery; the sound of their sighing fills the earth with greater unrest than the moaning of the sea. You call such people nervous sometimes, and make light of their suffering, or you call them cross and disagreeable, and give them cold glances as you pass them by. Let me tell you right now that you should rather give them of the sweetest store of sympathy you keep on hand, and you should deal with them as you would deal with bruised victims of a wreck, in a catastrophe they had no hand in precipitating. You folks who are cool headed and equable and easy going have no right to sit in judgment upon such as they.

What if you are amiable and easy to suit? Why shouldn't you be? Why shouldn't a boat float down stream, or a feather fly? When boats that are headed against the current make ever so little progress there is more credit to be given to the man who is tugging at the oars than can in justice be accorded the fellow who has nothing to do but sit back in his seat and let the old scow drift. And when a nature that has more of the ballast of care in its make up than the buoyancy of feathers rises into the upper air only occasionally and tries to fly in company with the birds, there is more glory to be attached to the performance than pertains to all the gyrations of thistledown natures and gossamer souls that ever scurried in front of a favoring breeze.—Chicago Herald.

Second Hand Yachts Are Cheap.

The public has but little idea of the shrinkage in the price of yachts from one year to another. The falling off is greater in England than in this country. The catboats and the thirty-footers hold better prices than any others, and the loss on a thirty-footer is not over $700 on a total cost of about $3,500.

The forty-footers originally cost close on to $8,000, and many of them have been sold for an average of $4,500, or nearly 50 per cent. cut. The Marquita sold for $4,500, and she was a good boat. The Minerva cost $7,000, and she can be bought for less than $4,500, which is cheap for so excellent a boat.

The forty-six footers cost over $11,000, and it will be hard work to get $8,000 for them, a loss of $3,000 on the total cost of boats scarcely a year old.

As the size of the boats increases the falling off becomes greater and a fifty-three footer like the Clara, with two suits of sails, built originally for over $12,000, was sold for just half that sum.

The big schooners show a great reduction. Good ones can be bought for reasonable sums on the other side, and the same can be said of all kinds of yachts. The market is overcrowded over there, and the different yachting agencies have hundreds of boats on their lists.

The loss on the original costs was very great on the schooners Ambassadress, Alert and Constellation, in fact a small sized fortune was lost on each of these boats.—Boston Herald.

Puss Died Heartbroken.

Tom, the large pet cat that belonged to the late Uncle Tom Williams, who was hanged Oct. 26 last, died one month after the death of its master, having grieved itself to death. For eighteen months the cat was an occupant of Williams' cell in the county jail, eating when he ate, sleeping when he slept and declining to mix with the other prisoners.

When the old man was hanged, however, the cat realized that something was wrong, and from that day until yesterday it wasted away until it was almost a skeleton. At night it would take its position in Williams' old cell, and its "meows" from that time until morning gave the prisoners the horrors. It refused to eat, and Mrs. Smith, wife of the sheriff, remarked tonight that Tom died of grief.—Sedalia Cor. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Calculations Are Sometimes Upset.

An ingenious gentleman, commenting on the statement that the Americans use annually 1,800 pounds of gold, worth about £90,000, in stopping decayed teeth, makes the inevitable "simple calculation," and arrives at the conclusion that in 100 years the American cemeteries will contain more gold than now exists in France. Will they, really? This good hand at figures must have heard that more than once—notably in Paris some twenty years ago—it has seriously been proposed to start companies for the purpose of taking gold stoppings from the jaws of corpses which lay in burying grounds. Statistics are all very well, but they do not take into account contingencies of this nature.—Cassell's Journal.

Weak Human Nature.

From many selections from Marcus Aurelius we choose this, as showing his keen insight into this weak human nature of ours, "I have often wondered how it is that every man loves himself more than all the rest of men, but yet sets less value on his own opinion of himself than on the opinion of others."

Little Dorothy (to old wooden horse which she insists on taking to bed with her every night)—You dear old love, I am a good mind to call you my sweetest nightmare.

BABY'S OLD CARRIAGE.

It Sometimes Comes to Strange Uses After Being Sold.

SIGHTS IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL.

Streets Blockaded With Babies' Vehicles.—A Sufferer's Wail.

Baby carriages, doubtless, are useful and acceptable at times, looked upon as an important article requisite to first class housekeeping, and frequently called into service in married life. There are a number of ways in which this diminutive vehicle can be utilized, and at times they are put to novel use. It is generally believed that they were introduced for the purpose of relieving worried mothers in caring for their infants and to taking the place of the cradle, that the child might be rolled around within or outside of doors instead of being constantly required to submit to the rocking process. It was also accepted as an easy and handy way of transporting the child when the parents went out for a walk or a visit or to give the babe an airing under its nurse's care. But facts tend to prove that there has been a wide departure in the use of the carriage from that contemplated when first introduced for family favor and patronage.

THE MIGHTY FALLEN.

It can now be seen in the service of the washerwoman hauling dirty clothes through the street or taking home those that have undergone the laundry treatment and come forth purified and clean. An old crab man navigates the streets of the city, particularly during the early hours of the night, and carries his marine product in a little go-cart that may in its best days have ridden a senator's daughter or some other dignitary's child. Probably the crabs are no sweeter on this account, but the purveyor finds it an easy way getting around with "Yer devil crabs." An old cake and lemonade man, whose best customers are newsboys and bootblacks, transports his cargo in a basket body car, once lined with royal purple satin, but now streaked, striped and begrimed with a mixture of dirt and grease. Going through the market house any morning except Sunday, there will be seen any number of these small outfits, once kept for children, now made into truck wagons, filled with produce, with an able bodied boy testing his propelling powers in keeping them free of the crowd, and when the load is complete pushing it to the objective point for the purpose of discharging the consignment of freight for the larder.

These cases will be sufficient to show that the baby carriage has worked itself into a much more extended field of usefulness than could have been imagined years ago. But while it saves arms, relieves mothers, and gives nurses abundance of time to take observations, flirt, and enjoy themselves generally and very often at the risk of the health if not the life of the little one given into their charge to tend and watch, it also is objectionable in some respects. Mothers, with rare exceptions, are proud of their babes, and those who can afford it expend time and money in making the infants look as pretty as possible, especially when dressed for the street. They are attired in their most attractive dress, placed in a fresh and nice looking (often handsome) carriage, topped out with a beautiful and frequently costly cover, then, with the nurse in clean white apron over a neat dress and white cap, started off for the forenoon, or, as it sometimes turns out, the entire day. The mother may give instructions about the distance to be traveled or boundaries within which the child is expected to be kept, but after the nurse disappears from sight she exercises her own judgment and goes just where inclined.

WHY THEY KICK.

"What are you running that thing into me for?" said a man trying to work his way up Seventh street yesterday afternoon, and who had been summarily halted by a baby carriage. The girl was pushing it along indifferent with whom it collided, not at all bothered by the inconvenience she made for others, giving no attention to the child, but completely taken up with the display in the store windows. So deeply was she absorbed in what she found there, that she had nearly upset the foot passenger above referred to before she knew it.

Just two squares further down the street the entire travel on the sidewalk was blocked in the same way, with the difference that there were three carriages packed together, and the defiant and impudent nurses refused to open up a thoroughfare until a passing policeman promised to show them the way to the nearest station house, when, grumblingly, they yielded, and, instead of traveling three abreast, came down to single file.

"Look at my window," said an avenue jeweler. "How can any one get near enough to see what I have on exhibition there?" In front of it were a couple of baby carriages, with the nurses at the handles, and making a complete obstruction of the entire front. Any person wishing to see in the window had to stand back of the carriages and take a long distance view. Nothing was said to the perambulating party, but the merchant suggested that it was an easy way for people to get rid of the noise, bother and attention of their children, by turning them over to nurses to carry out into the street to annoy somebody else and interfere with business. He thought that baby carriages should be prohibited from coming on to the business streets of the city.

Other instances might be referred to, but this is sufficient to show that the baby carriages, while useful and an important adjunct to housekeeping, can also be troublesome and at times very much in the way.—Washington Post.

A Family Provider.

The town of Sweden in Oxford county has developed a financier. The family larder having run low recently, the housewife sent out to "the center" by a neighbor who was hauling apples for a dollar's worth of flour, which the groceryman was expected to charge. At night the neighbor returned without the desired flour, saying that "certain agreements of the head of the family to pay having been broken, the grocer refused further credit." "Jest you attend to yer cookin', wife, 'n' I'll do the pervidin'," grandly remarked her liege lord, who was now present. The following morning he tied up a bag of oats and when the neighbor made his daily trip it was put in his care, with instructions to exchange it for "a quarter o' tea, fifty cents worth o' tobacco 'n' the rest in powder 'n' shot."—Lewiston Journal.

A Brooklyn clergyman gives this prescription for insomnia: "I have tried every expedient for going to sleep, but I have never found any comparable to simple resolution. I stand at the gateway of my mind, resolutely shut out every thought that attempts to enter, and succeed. When they find they cannot get in they give it up and leave me. I am not always equally successful; but I can now generally go to sleep at any time on five minutes' notice, and if need be for five minutes' nap. There is a great power in a resolute 'I will.' I believe few of us realize how much power there is in it."

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REMOVAL NOTICE.

The office of this paper will move on or about the first of April, to the building on Mission street, now occupied by W. H. Jackson. The new quarters will be fitted up in the most approved style, and will be open at all times to the public.

WORSE THAN FOLLY.

During the silver debate on Tuesday last a Congressman made the remark that the people refused to receive silver, and as a consequence it lay piled up in the vaults of the Government. From this he drew the inference that the people did not wish silver money, totally ignoring the important fact that nearly every silver dollar in the treasury is represented by a certificate in active circulation. Now, although this latter fact ought to be known to every well-informed man, such writers as David Wells have been filling newspapers and magazines with graphic figures showing the terrible strain on the treasury, all designed to create the impression that the people dislike silver and demand gold. It remained for a Congressman from California, by a simple device, to puncture the absurdity and show that silver is piled up in the Government vaults for precisely the same reason that gold is piled there, and that is because the people prefer to handle the paper representatives of money to handling the metallic money itself. Mr. Bower's plan of proving this was unique. When he heard the assertion made in Congress that silver was unpopular because it did not circulate from hand to hand at the East he promptly offered $11 in paper for every $10 in gold that could be produced by members then on the floor. Although there was a full House, it turned out that their was not a member present who possessed $10 in gold. We have not the full text of Mr. Bower's remarks, but we infer that he drew the inference from his illustrations that the people understand the function of a metallic money in modern times much better than the monometallists think they do, and that all they ask is that the measure of value ba kept right, and that it be as nearly unvaring as it is possible to make a standard. If this is done they would much prefer to use the paper representatives of the standard than the metallic standard itself, first ly, because paper is much more conveniently handled than metal, and, secondly, because the precious metals are easily abraided by use and suffer depreciation in consequence. These being the facts in the case it is worse than folly to talk of the people rejecting silver because silver dollars are laid up in the strong vaults of the Government. Chronicle.

COMPEL HIM!

Prime Minister Salisbury is reported to have defiantly refused to renew the Modus Vivendi, or international agreement between England and the United States upon the Seal fishery matter, and has placed himself upon record by couching his refusal in language so strong as to destroy all expatations that his assent to the proposition will be given at all. It is said that the administration at Washington, in view of all the correspondence that has gone before, regards the tone of his letter as arrogant and supercilious, and therefore offensive. Serious complications may psssibly grow out of the situation, but in any event, it is not believed that actual war will ensue. Of course war is always a remote possibility when leaders get to quarreling, but it seems to the conservative people of the United States right now as if it was an English scheme to get back at the Republican party of this country, as a sort of political revenge for passing the Mc Kinley Tariff Act. By the way it was Mr. Cleveland and not President Harrison who ordered the dismissal of the English Minister during the heated campaign of 1888.

The Ways and Means Society of the Christian Church will meet at Mrs. J. H. McColloughs on Thursday March 31st. at 1 p. m.

A SURE INDEX.

The comments of the London Chronicle on President Harrison's recent note to Lord Salisbury furnish the keynote for the method in which Great Britain has treated the United States and is an index to the way in which the English regard us. "The diplomacy of President Harrison's reply," says this journal. "is hard to grasp, particularly coming from a nation that is professed admirer of peace.' This, reading between the lines, is a complete explanation of the patronizing tone adopted by the English generally toward the United States and of the condescension which they bestow upon us. They know that we are a great nation,—great in number, great in wealth and great in resources—but they deem us such admirers of peace that we would allow them to bully and insult us as much as they pleased without resenting it. For years the United States has been the target for British slander and abuse, the prime cause being jealousy of our manufacturing and commercial prosperity and mortification at seeing England compelled to take second place where she had so long been first. This spite and venom came to the surface when we were obliged to call Chile to account for murdering our sailors and insulting our flag and uniform. We were taunted with cowardice, Chile was a weak power and we a strong one, as though such a consideration had ever weighed a moment with England when she had a foe to chastise or a debt due her subjects to collect. We were charged with stirring up strife with Chile to make political capital for the coming election, and with backing up Minister Egan to catch the Irish vote. Very possiply a portion of the English people were convinced of the correctness of these ideas, for some of them still follow blindly that antiquated, fossilized journal the London Times, which hates America and everything America, and it is due to the influence of that paper and other Tory organs that we have been represented as preferring peace to honor. If that impression still prevails England can have an opportunity to test its correctness. If the English think we will submit any longer to their insolence and browbeating they will find themselves wofully mistaken. Nothing would please most Americans more than to have a war with England, and show her that she must treat us with the respect which our rank among nations demands, and if she takes us for a peace-at-any-price nation, let her throw down the gauntlet, and it will not lie a moment before it is taken up. Chronicle.

REVISION OF RATES.

It seems to be the impression amongst the people of the interior of the State that the Traffic Association of San Francisco, through its Manager Mr. Leeds, is trying to scare up contention with the Southern Pacific Company upon the matter of local fares and freight charges within the state of California, and it has gone so far in the matter as to virtually demand of the Board of Railroad Commissioners a new schedule of rates upon articles of produce and general merchahdise now carried by the railways in the state. Commissioner Rea of the board of railway commissioners points out very clearly in an able, exhaustive and interesting communication, quite recently published, the powers, duties and obligations of the Board, and shows conclusively the judicial character of the commission, It now rests with the Traffic Association of San Francisco to bring its case into court and to file its complaint before the Board of Railroad Commissioners. The Chronicle says: "If this be done he (Mr. Rea) promises that the Railroad Commission will be set in motion the machinery provided by the Constitution to bring about such a revision in transportation rates as shall consider and affect every industry and every locality of California, and to resume all responsibility for the equity of its conclusions."

WICKED FRISCO.

The Clergymen of San Francisco, as reported in the daily papers of that city, are engaged at present in "Showing up" the hideous leprosy and glaring wickedness of the majority of its residents. It is stated that the Devil controls the majority of San Franciscans; and that a moral earthquake is very much needed to purify the inhabitants, of that sinstrickened locality: so far in all the statements published no mention has been made that C. Buckley and Co. had left the place.

A sample of "The Blaine Ladder' The best in use can be seen at this office. See advertisement in another column. †

The former Editress of the defunct EXPRESS, Miss A. E. Knapp, was in town Saturday last.

To Bond or not to bond appears to be agitating the Oakland Voters at present, The Tribune, Times and one or two other Oakland papers are favoring the issue, while the Enquire alone is hurling volumns of indignation, and opening its vials of wrath in opposition to the Bond election. It seems to be up hill work of the most arduous nature to convince the voters of Oakland to view the bond project favorably, it being a general rule in California to vote down any and every proposition which looks to the improvement of city, town or village on account of the increased expenditure of the people's money, and the constant cry of robbery, fraud corruption and selfish motive. If the bonds are voted for we shall be agreeably surprised.

Messrs Baily, Morgan, Brown, Pelouse and Martin composing the board of Supervisors arrived at Irvington on Thursday of last week and paid an official visit of inspection in going over and making a thorough investigation of the proposed County road which has been petitioned for by a number of our citizens residing between Mission San Jose and Sunol.-Messrs J. W. Musser, Peter Nolan, B. Brisco and others accompanied the board and explained the necessity for opening and maintaining this much needed thorough-fare. It is expected that the prayer of the petitioners will receive favorable consideration by the board in the near future.

NEWARK.

Mrs. Hook went to San Francisco Friday last, for a few days visit with friends.

Miss Abbie Wales came from Oakland, Saturday evening, to spend Sunday at home.

The pupils of the High School in Centreville are to visit the Newark School, on Friday of this week.

There was over twenty men discharged from the Car shops of Carter Bro's. last week, work being slightly dull, just at present.

Mrs. Shillaber and Miss Louisa Jonlin, came from San Francisco Sunday, to visit their father, who is seriously ill.

Republican Co. Committee.

The Republican County Committee held their first meetiug for the coming campaign in the office of M. E. Chapman in Oakland, Tuesday afternoon. The object of the meeting was to apportion to the wards and townships of this county the delegates apportioned by the State Central Committee, based on the Markham vote. This was done and the apportionment of delegates was based on the vote which amounted to 9335. This will give Alameda County thirty-seven committeemen all told. Murray, Washington and Eden townships 3 each; Brooklin township 1; Oakland township 5; and the seven wards of Oakland 3 each.

Each committeeman was instructed to present a list of officers to serve on the primary election day and to designate the polling place. The committee adjourned till Saturday, April 9th, at 2 p. m., to meet in Mr. Chapman's office, at which time the call for the primary election will be adopted.

A Splendid Season.

The storm of the past few days has decided the crop outlook for this year beyond a pervadventure. Up to last Sunday evening the rainfall was a little less than last season, and the same state of affairs held good in most all parts of the state. It is not only the quantity of rain which falls, but the way it comes which determines whether we shall have good or bad crops, and this year it could not have come any better if made to order and delivered as per contract. The rain has fallen gently and at proper intervals, so that the ground has taken it up to the best advantage. In this place up to yesterday morning we have had 12.38 inches of rain while last season it amounted to 9.45 inches. The rain for this season is not yet over as we will get several hard showers in the next few weeks to come.

Mr. Daniel Pinckney of Mission San Jose was the happy recepient of an invitation to an exclusive Social party held in San Jose last week. Mr. Pinckney's enthusiastic report of the evening's merry making and the generally enjoyable time which occupied the attention of the persons present evidences the fact that it was a very swell affair.

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J. G. VANDEPEER,
J. B. RICHARDSON,
Executors.

Dated: Oakland, Jan. 13, 1892. 18-23

Notice to Creditors.

Estate of Patrichio J. Pacehco, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Patrichio J. Pacheco, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said administrator, at the office of Hall & Earl, 957 Broadway street, in the city of Oakland, Alameda county, California, which said office the undersigned selects as his place of business in all matters connected with the said estate of Patrichio J. Pacheco, deceased.

JAMES STANLEY,
Administrator of the estate of Patrichio J. Pacheco, deceased.

Dated Oakland, Jan: 21, 1892. 18-23

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Estate of Lois A. Smith, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Executrix, of the Will of Lois A. Smith deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased to exhibit them with the necessary vouches, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said Executrix at the law office of J. B. Richardson No 861 Broadway, Oakland, Cal., that being the place designated for the transaction of the business of said estate.

NETTIE E. TOLIN, Executrix of the will of Lois A. Smith, deceased.

Dated Dec. 17th, 1891.

J. B. RICHARDSON, Att'y for Estate. 12-17-5t

Notice to Creditors.

Estate of Antonio Corria, also known as Antonio Carea, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given, by the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Antonio Corria, also known as Antonio Carea, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said administrator, at the office of Thomas C. Huxley, in the town of Centerville Alameda county, state of California, which said office the undersigned selects as his place of business in all matters connected with the said estate of Antonio Corria, also known as Antonio Carea, deceased.

ANTONIO LEE,
Administrator of the estate of Antonio Corria, also known as Antonio Carea, deceased.

Dated, February 9, 1892. 21-25

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Mr. A. O. Rix is confined to the house from sickness. He has what is called a "stich in his back" which is quite painful while it lasts.

Mrs. M. Griffin presented her husband with a fine bouncing baby boy Saturday morning last. The mother and child are doing nicely.

The grain and hay crop on Frank Curtner's one-hundred acre farm near Irvington looks especially fine and promises an extraordinary heavy yield this season.

A telephone post has been loosened by the heavy wind of the past two days, just opposite the shop of H. Crowell, and is likely to fall at any moment.

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This is the last issue of this paper gotten out in our present quarters. During the coming week we will move to the store lately occupied by W. H. Jackson, close to the depot, and would kindly ask our many readers to take note ofthe fact.

Mr. A. Mc Dougall wishes to announce to the public, that he has opened a blacksmith shop on Main street, near the depot, and asks for a share of the public patronage. Fine horse shoeing a specialty.

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Ben F. Millard one of our old town boys, has gone in the tailoring business at 120 Ellis St. San Francisco, with C. P. Christensen, and asks for a share of the public patronage. A perfect fit guaranteed and the very latest styles to pick from ‖

The Blaine ladder which is attracting considerable attention and meeting with large sales in and about San Jose, is being introduced in this locality. A sample ladder can be seen at this office, and full particulars can be found in their ad. which appears in this issue.

The WASHINGTON PRESS is only $2 per year and is issued from the office in the new brick building of the I. O. O. F., every Thursday morning. By subscribing to your local paper you certainly advance your own interests as well as those of your town.

Dr. Geo. Rodolph, dentist, of Oakland, will open office at the Monte Vista hotel, Mission San Jose, for a few weeks on Tuesday, and Wednesday of each week, beginning on Tuesday, Nov. 24th. Office hours from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. †

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The residents of Irvington were treated to a severe shake, Monday morning at 7 o'clock, and on enquiring found it was the effects of a powder explosion at Pinole. Doors and windows rattled and the shake was such, as to make a great many of our citizens think they had experienced a small sized earthquake. The explosion blew the nitro-glycerine houses into fine kindling wood; but luckily did not kill any of the men employed in the works. The effects of the explosion was felt for many miles in all directions and caused considerable comment on the manufacture of this dangerous explosive.

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I hereby warn all persons against trusting or contracting with my son, Frank Cardozo, also known as Frank Silva, as I am willing to personally discharge all parental duties to him, but will not be responsible for his debts or contracts. 244

ANTONIO CARDOZO.

Irvington, January 26, 1892.

NILES.

A tin shop may be opened soon.

Special services are being prepared for Easter.

The Ladies Guild will meet this week with Mrs. H. J. Tilden.

Murphy and Briscoe will open their new store in about three weeks.

The Kings Daughters will meet next Saturday afternoon at Mrs. Chas. Shinn's.

The rainfall this far has been less than twelve inches, three or four more are really needed.

The last of the nursery shipments are being cleared up, as it is late in the season, and but little more rain can be expected.

The explosion of the powder works in Oakland, last Monday morning, startled the late risers in Niles into sudden wakefulness.

F. J. Sullivan, road overseer of Niles district, report from October 1 to December 31, 1891, shows a total expenditure of $1115.38.

A junior society for Christian endeavor will be organized this week the children are requested to meet at half past three, Thursday afternoon, in the church.

It is expected that the Ladies Guild, will shortly give an entertainment which will be more than usually attractive, more particulars will be at hand by next week.

Almonds have been falling badly the last few days; those who profess to know, feel assured that the loss of the creek water, has not a little to do with this matter.

The Episcopal Sewing Society met last Thursday with Mrs. Wm Mortimer, the meeting was an extremely interesting one; it is rumored that an Episcopal Mission Church, is soon to be established in Niles, with T. H. Crump as pastor; success to the under taking.

The Spare minute circle meet last Saturday evening with Miss May Lamb, quite a large number were out who had a wet time returning home, as the rain came down in torrents. It was impossible at this writing to discover which side won in the spirited debate, "Is it ever right to tell a lie?"

"The Fruit Growers and Farmers Association held its regular monthly meeting in the town hall in Niles last Saturday evening; the most important plan the association is considering at present, is one whereby it will be possible to obtain direct and reliable information concerning eastern crops. G. E. Smith, occupying the chair of horticulture at Stanfords, gave a brief lecture.

Miss Dr. Wood, a Missionary from India, spoke last Sunday in the Congregational church; she gave a most interesting description of the work of missionaries, of the country and the costumes of the people. Quite a number remained to listen to her remarks in the Sunday School, which were bright, entertaining and instructive. She donned, while speaking to the school, a lady's dress, which she had brought from India, purple silk and gold, which she draped about her, without the slighest need for pins or buttons, making a really graceful garment.

Mr. and Mrs. Atkins visited Mr. Dickey's family this week.

Ehrman Babb is spending a few days over in the Calaveras valley,

The Sonasa family have moved from town, down below the nursery.

Miss A. E. Knapp has been calling on friends in town during the week.

Daniel Cutter of San Francisco has been in town on business this week.

Mrs. Wm. Mortimer has been visiting friends in Oakland during the week.

Mr. J. Black who has been in town during the winter, has gone to San Francisco to remain.

Mrs. H. A. Mayhew has returned from visiting relatives in San Jose and Santa Clara.

James Martin has returned from Portland Oregon, where he has been for the last few months.

Miss Grace Cutting and Miss Sallie Anderson, who have been visiting Mrs. Joseph Tyson, have returned to San Francisco.

Chas. Fisher of Seattle, is visiting his brother; he will leave shortly for the east, to meet his wife on her return trip from Boston.

Mrs. R. Harriman and son Walter who have been spending the past three months in Niles, returned to their home in Michigan last Monday.

Engineer Walkenspeil who has had a run from Niles to San Jose for several years, died in Mexico last week, and was burried in San Jose last Sunday. Mrs. C. B. Overacker kindly sent quantities of white flowers; and several from Niles attended the funeral, among them Geo. Fisher and wife.

Warning.

Parents should be very careful not to leave any bottles containing poison within the reach of children. A case has recently come to our notice where a child became seriously burned on the chin by getting her finger in carbolic acid which was carelessly left within her reach and rubbing it on her chin.

The shipment of new potatoes and green peas from Irvington averages nearly thirty thousand pounds daily, fair prices are being received for this particular quality of produce, which causes the vegetable farmers to feel agreeable.

MISION SAN JOSE

The political pot has commenced to boil at this place in a measure, but as yet has not slopped over.

Parties desirious of having job printing of any kind done, should call at the Press Office, Irvington.

N. Bergman and wife have mortgaged to Leopold Bachmann—Survey 46, containing 49-100 acres lands Ex-Mission San Jose, Mission San Jose. for $1200.

The matter of building a public road in Mission road district was referred for further consideration at the last meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

A portion of the old tiling used as roofing for the past 100 years or more, on the old Vallejo building, has been sent to the World's Fair Committee at Oakland.

The heavy storm of the past few days, and which still continues, is doing an immense amount of good. The high wind however is anything but pleasant to aide out in.

Are you a subscriber to our local paper the "Washington Press?" If not, be sure and send in your name, and help those who are surely trying to help our whole locality.

We would like to see the proposition of shade trees along the public highways agated Every property owner should take an interest in the matter and come to an early decision to beautify his own place by planting shade trees in front of his property.

We failed to hear the jovial "good morning" of Mr. Murphy, who has handled the ribbons of the bakery team, for months past, yesterday morning a new driver had taken his place and we understand it is for good, as Mr. Murphy will soon go into the general merchandise business at Niles.

A piece of tiling, on the old building which is being torn down, was found to have a man's name and the date of making, roughly marked out on the inner side. There was also the imprint of a dogs paw, which was made by the dog stepping on the tile while fresh and out in the sun to dry. The workman finding this valuable piece put it one side, but unluckily a large timber fell on it and smashed it all to pieces.

WARM SPRINGS.

Miss Mary Corr has changed her residence to the city, where she will go into the dress making business.

The members of the Christian Endeavor society of this place, visited the Milpitas Endeavor Sunday evening.

Mr. H. Curtner spent a day or two of the past week in the city, on business pertaining to last seasons fruit crop.

The rain, the beautiful rain, has made its appearence just at the right time the past season. This years crop will be immence.

Mrs H. Valpey has benn quite sick with that most fashionable disease la grippe, but is recovering from the ill effects quite rapidly.

The many friends of Miss R. Wolf, will soon miss her good company as she will leave in few days for her home in Saratoga. Her two or three months visit has been greatly enjoyed and her good health has no doubt been prolonged by our delightful climate.

The many young friends of Allen Curtner tendered him a surprise party Friday evening last, and spent a most enjoyable and entertaining evening. These social gatherings are just the thing, these winter evenings, as they have a tendency to cement friendships which last through life.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw expect to start for the East in a short time, to see if the change Mr. Shaw's health. He has been improving quite slowly of late, and a change of air and new surroundings together with the talking over of old times with relatives, may have a most beneficial effect.

DECOTO.

Mrs. A. Bush is shipping her rhubarb this week.

C. E. Dennett, formally of Decoto, but now of Alameda, spent Sunday in Decoto.

Carlton C. Crane, Pacific coast agent of the Vanderbilt Lines is in Decoto looking after his ranch.

Andy Beck, who has been a fixture in Decoto for some time, left for Oregon to-day.

The Alameda Sugar Company shipped a car load of beet seed to Grand Island Nebraska to day.

New potatoes are only worth about 75 cts. a sack now and great is the loss of the shippers of this produce.

It has been satisfactorily proved to us that the planking covering the cess pool spoken of in the PRESS two weeks ago was of good solid two inch stuff and not one inch boards as reported by Mr. Blakie. Readers will remember the horse lost by Joe Smith by falling into the cess pool Mr. Dennett, who covered the hole is not in the least to blame as people are inclined to think.

To Whom It May Concern.

My wife Filamina Brun, commonly known as Minnie Brown, having without cause left my bed and board, I hereby notify all persons dealing with her, that I will not be responsible for any debts she may contract.

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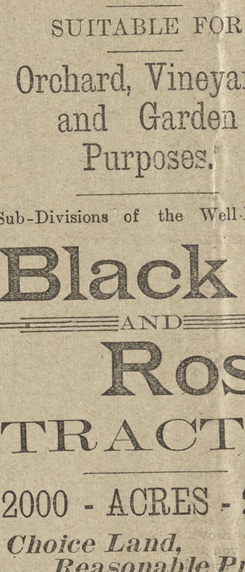

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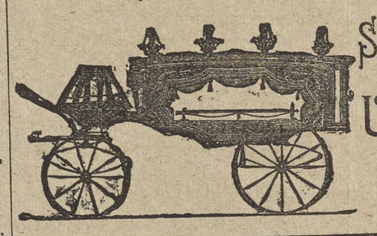
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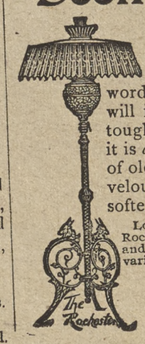
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HOW MEN PROPOSE.

Inopportune Times at Which They Pour Forth Their Tale of Love.

The I. S. O. S. club was talking the matter over a few evenings ago and one woman held the floor.

"Of course, Charlie's case has brought the matter forcibly before me just now," she said mournfully; "but I always have contended that men don't know when and how to propose. I've refused at least three whom I'd have married if they had asked me at the right time."

A woman in a brown ulster, who sat off in one corner, suggested that it might have been bad policy to marry all of them, but the speaker treated this remark with the contempt it deserved.

"Charlie, you know," she went on, "poured the story of his passion into my ear at the theater, during the performance of the "Last of the Hogans," and while the Knights of the Mystic Shrine were singing their touching lay. He said it reminded him that he had been worshiping at a certain shrine, etc. I refused him on the spot.

"A man whom I'll call George selected a particularly cold evening when the mercury was burrowing in the ground and made his little speech on my front steps. My teeth were chattering, my nose was red, I had a cold in the head and it was getting worse every minute. My refusal of George was kind, but prompt."

"My experience was worse than that," said another member. "The youth proposed to me at supper, after the theater, and his remarks were varied by bites of bread and butter, and by delicate attentions in the way of urging food upon me. I actually became so confused before he got through that I didn't know whether he was offering me himself or the cold chicken. Anyhow I declined them both. I want a man who can stop eating long enough to ask a woman to be his wife."

"The most interesting proposal of my experience," remarked a third, "was that of an absentminded young man who used notes. I was giving a little reception, and of course my time was much occupied. The young man realized that this would the case, and to facilitate matters he brought with him a memorandum. I afterward found it on the floor, where he had dropped it in his agitation.

"Mention raise in salary.
"Mention loneliness.
"Mention pleasure in her society.
"Mention prospects from Uncle Jim.
"Never loved before.
"Propose.
"I'm being a sister to him now."

"You're all very critical," said the president, "but what do you think a man ought to do?"

"He should exercise tact," said one.

"He should wait until the two are alone, with no chance of interruption," said another.

"He should be sure that the surroundings are in harmony with the situation."

"He should give his undivided attention to the woman."

Above all this rose the quiet voice of a little woman who had not spoken before.

"The man who doesn't propose at the right time is exasperating," she said softly; "but what of the man who doesn't propose at all?"

There was a sudden calm, and over the face of every member settled a look of patient suffering.—New York World.

Why They Smiled.

A lady of this city went out calling one afternoon, leaving her three little children in her handsome parlors, in charge of a servant, who was accustomed to take care of them. There was a table set for a 5 o'clock tea, and everything was in readiness for the return of the hostess with her calling company.

She came attended by her guests, and found the children ominously quiet, and the girl "just stepped out," as she afterward explained. The little ones were all smiling too; not loud smiles, but deep.

The secret was soon out. Of all the cake, bonbons, chocolate and cream, not a vestige remained.

"Dimple," asked the mother gravely of the eldest of the three, "what have you been doing?"

"We gave a 5 o'clock tea, mamma, and oh, it was fun! You don't care, do you?"

The mother looked at the three happy, smiling faces, and, like a wise woman, smiled with them, and regarded the whole thing as an excellent joke.—Detroit Free Press.

Electrical Sea Bathing.

An enterprising bathman made a comfortable sum last year by an electric bath in the sea. In a small battery house at the edge of the water he placed ten cells of battery connected in series. From these he led a twenty-five wire cable to a distribution box placed on a pole in the water, in which the cable was fanned out and connected by leads to the electrodes mounted on the crossarms. The other side of the battery was connected to earth by a plate submerged in the water just beyond the edge of the shore. A person wishing to take an electric bath was provided with a cord and electrode.

On going into the water he connected his cord with the terminal of a battery lead on the pole and he could vary the amount of current received by approaching or retiring from the vicinity of the ground plate. In this way a person could get an electric shock as severe or as mild as he wished, while at the same time securing the full amount of benefit and pleasure usually attendant on the sea bath.—New York Telegram.

Bears Easily Captured.

This story of a capture of hibernating bears comes from the state of Washington. It is related by two citizens of Skipanon, who saw the beasts in captivity. Their owner said that in cutting down one of the giant spruce trees common to that region he discovered that one part of it was hollow, and looking into the cavity he made out three slumbering bears. Thereupon he nailed three "slabs" of wood across the hole, and sawed off from the main trunk the section of tree in which the bears were housed. This he started down the mountain side in the usual fashion, and the novel cage and its contents arrived safely at the bottom. The bears, which are in a state of semitorpor, are now on exhibition.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Birds in Forests.

It is commonly supposed that there is but little bird life in the forest, because so few birds are seen or heard. But this is not the fact. A large number of families are represented, though not many songsters waste their sweetness in the solitude. The forest is so dense and the undergrowth so thick that the smaller birds easily hide themselves from sight, and if they utter a beguiling note or two you will look for them in vain. To study them one must choose proper localities and wait patiently for opportunities. One class of birds will be found in the thickets, another in the clearings, others in the evergreens and hard wood, near streams and on and about lakes.—Forest and Stream.

Scald rhubarb for a few moments before cooking and much less sugar will be needed.

The navy of Great Britain is larger than that of any other power. France ranks second.

Babies cry because they are babies and are unable to express their feelings in any other way.

Jelly will not mold if a thin layer of paper dipped in the white of an egg is laid upon the top.

A full stomach is a great aid to poetry, and, indeed, no sentiment of any kind can stand upon an empty one.

Streets That Are Centuries Old.

In many towns the names of streets linger unchanged for centuries. The visitors to Antwerp can still identify the Canal au Sucre, where, during the Spanish Fury of 1576, the dead bodies of the murdered citizens lay piled half way up the houses, 8,000 of the inhabitants of the city perishing at the hands of Alva's soldiery during those awful three days, when, as a contemporary expresses it, "hell seemed let loose."

In Sienna the city is divided into contrades, or parishes, each of which is named after some animal or natural object—the owl, the goose, the tower, etc. There are seventeen of these divisions, and residents in them give as an address the name of their contrade, which has come down unchanged through the centuries. St. Catherine, of Sienna, resided in the "Oca" (goose) contrade, and the name is still unaltered. These different divisions of the city each run a horse at the annual "Palio," and great is the rivalry between the contrades. Indeed, the mediæval custom of street feuds and fights is frequently kept up by the residents in the various parishes—only some twenty years ago deadly enmity raged between the denizens of the "Wave" and the "Tower" district. Fire and war and, deadliest of all, modern improvements sweep away streets and their names in many localities, or sometimes a name survives long after the reason for its selection has passed away.

Blackfriars remains as a title, though the convent has vanished; the names of Newgate, Ludgate and London Wall have survived the civic portals and boundaries. Old residents in the suburbs may remember that some modern "avenues" really commemorate the rows of elms which they have displaced, and that the seemingly unmeaning titles of "lane" or "gardens" recall a time before the trim villas so designated covered a veritable rural walk between hedgerows or a series of market gardens. It is not often, as in Antwerp and Sienna, that the ancient divisions of the city remain unchanged for centuries.—London Globe.

Education That Women Seek.

It is curious to note that the form of education which women seem just now most anxious to obtain is almost purely literary. At a time when men are loudly complaining that Oxford and Cambridge have almost cut themselves off from the active life of the country, and that by neglecting the practical study of law, medicine, surgery and technical production they have resolved themselves into what would be called at a Continental university a gigantic "Faculty of Arts," women are crowding to these discredited institutions and eagerly taking up the abandoned "arts" as the latest and most complete form of intellectual life open to them.

While men are beginning to assert that they can no longer afford the luxury of a university education, that they must leave that either to the men of leisure or the future schoolmasters and teachers, women turn to it as perhaps the most practical opening left to them. Perhaps they are right. It is not impossible that in time women's hands may have a great share in the higher secretarial and educational work of the country. But there is no form of opinion more fluctuating than the views of women as to their place and possibilities in life.

The change of ideal from that of household usefulness at the end of the last century to elegant usefulness at the beginning of the present century has been succeeded by a strong bias toward literature and culture. It is not impossible that this may in turn be replaced by an experiment in women's capabilities in the technical instruction which is coming on as the practical balance to the literary activity of the last few years.—London Spectator.

Queerest Animal in the World.

Of all the creatures that God has made "under the sun," as Ecclesiastes would say, the most remarkable as well as the most useless is the tuatarra, a species of lizard known to exist only in New Zealand. The tuatarra grows to be from nine inches to a foot in length and may be said to accept life's hardships with more indifference than any other known representative of the animal creation. He is the very embodiment of negative existence and does not seem to care in the least whether the sun sets at 9 o'clock in the morning or stays up till midnight. He is almost invariably found clinging motionless to a rock on the seacoast, wholly oblivious or indifferent to the drenching spray or the blinding sunlight. He has no "thought for the morrow," and to all intents and purposes needs neither food nor drink to keep the colors in his coat and fire in his eye.

He has been kept for days, months and years in a sealed glass case, his lethargy but slightly aggravated through lack of air. A recent writer on antipodean oddities says: "He makes no noise, and moves so seldom and so slowly that many persons have watched those confined in cases for a long time, and then left them under the impression that the creatures were only stuffed specimens after all. Yet the solemn blinking of the golden eyes and the slow, heaving motion of the leathery sides bore sight witness of a sluggish vitality."—St. Louis Republic.

One of the oddest things on the tapis was the sale of 500 miles of carpet at auction in New York city recently.

British horses were famous when Julius Cæsar invaded the country. He carried some of them to Rome with him.

A French mechanician has recently invented an electric lamp for examining the interior of metal tubes and projectiles for guns.

Don't live in hope with your arms folded; fortune smiles on those who roll up their sleeves and put their shoulder to the wheel.

Recent improvements in telegraphy enable certain companies to transmit 100 words for twenty-five cents and realize a handsome profit.

Germany stands at the front in electrical science, although the United States is far ahead of any other country in the practical use of electricity.

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The time is not distant when this corner of the United States will produce in abundance, and year after year without failure, all the fruits and nuts which for a thousand years the civilized world of Europe has looked to the Mediterranean to supply. We shall not need any more to send over the Atlantic for raisins, English walnuts, almonds, figs, olives, prunes, oranges, lemons, limes and a variety of other things which we know commercially as Mediterranean products.

We have all this luxury and wealth at our doors, within our limits. The orange and the lemon we shall still bring from many places; the date, and the pineapple, and the banana will never grow here except as illustrations of the climate, but it is difficult to name any fruit of the temperate and semi-tropic zones that southern California cannot be relied on to produce, from the guava to the peach.

It will need further experiment to determine what are the more profitable products of this soil, and it will take longer experience to cultivate them and send them to market in perfection. The pomegranate and the apple thrive side by side, but the apple is not good here unless it is grown at an elevation where frost is certain and occasional snow may be expected.

There is no longer any doubt about the peach, the nectarine, the pear, the grape, the orange, the lemon, the apricot, and so on; but I believe that the greatest profit will be in the products that cannot be grown elsewhere in the United States—the products to which we have long given the name of Mediterranean—the olive, the fig, the raisin, the hard and soft shell almond and the walnut. The orange will of course be a staple, and constantly improve its reputation as better varieties are raised and the right amount of irrigation to produce the finest and the sweetest is ascertained.—Charles Dudley Warner in Harper's.

Poor, Deluded Wives.

The Holyoke Transcript says two well known citizens were standing together in the corridor of the postoffice. One happened to notice that a postal card held in the fingers of the other was directed to the holder. "Why, how does this come?" was asked; "do you write letters to yourself?"

"In this case, yes," was the answer.

"That's funny."

"Well, not so very. See the other side." He held it up and the other read:

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"Yes; but I don't exactly catch on," protested the innocent.

"Oh, you don't! Well, I got the cards printed myself. The society is all a myth. When I want to go out of an evening I direct one of these postals to my house. When I reach home my wife hands it to me with a sigh. I offer to stay at home and stand the fine of $15, but she won't have it that way. That's all, my friend, except that the scheme is worked by hundreds of others, and our poor, deluded wives haven't tumbled to the racket yet."

It is too bad to give this away, but it is too good to keep.

Another Bismarck Story.

At a moment when the battle of Sadowa was as yet undecided, and when indeed the Prussians appeared to be losing ground, Bismarck was wandering over the battlefield like a soul in agony. Certain historians have gone so far as to say that he kept a loaded revolver in his holster for the express purpose of blowing his brains out if the Austrians had won the day. Presently he fell in with Von Moltke, who was quietly looking on at the fight. Being anxious to arrive at an idea of the exact state of affairs he pulled out his cigar case, in which only two "londres" were left—one of them extra good and the other of very inferior quality.

He handed the case to Von Moltke, who, after examining the cigars for a long time, silently helped himself to the best. That was enough for the chancellor, and he remarked to some one at hand: "When I saw Von Moltke use such deliberation in choosing his cigar, and above all when he chose the best, I knew that was a sign that things were going well with us." And he was right.—San Francisco Argonaut.

A Question of Snuffers.

A "moderate" minister called upon a Free church elder and met with a cold reception. At length he drew his snuff box from his pocket and invited the elder to make trial of its contents. A decided thaw set in immediately. "Oh, ye tak' snuff, do ye?" said the Free Kirk man, yielding to a gentle smile. "Oh, yes!" replied the visitor, somewhat afraid lest the admission might lead him into trouble. "I take snuff, but what of that?" "Weel," said the elder, with a look of satisfaction to which probably the excellent snuff contributed its full share, "that's the first sign o' grace I've seen aboot ye."

"Sign of grace?" rejoined the minister, with no little surprise, but glad that a promising vein of conversation had at length been opened. "How do you make out that the habit of taking snuff is a sign of grace?" "Nothing easier," said the elder with a knowing twinkle in his eye. "Don't you remember that in the temple of old the snuffers were of pure gold, which denotes the best of all qualities?"—Exchange.

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She Covered Him.

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Waiter (suavely)—Are you looking for a job?—Detroit Free Press.

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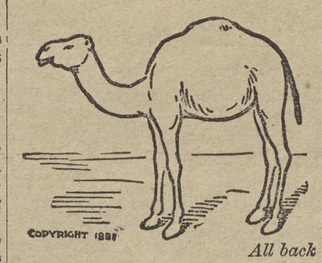

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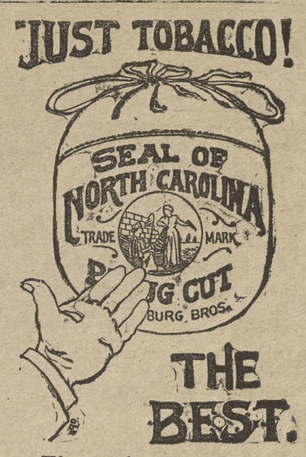

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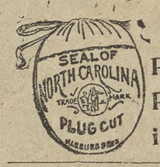

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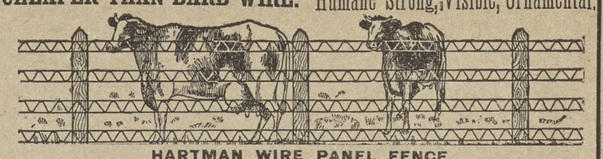

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